

Irked by U. S. Curb on Anti-Castro Raids

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Cuban Group to Leave

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—A top Cuban exile organization, irked by U. S. interference with anti-Castro raids, said yesterday it will move to Central America to launch a new campaign against the communist island.

Manuel Artime, 51-year-old chief of the Revolutionary Recovery Movement, said he and top organization leaders would be leaving Miami "in the near future."

Sr. Artime, who was civilian leader of the abortive 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion, said the move was prompted by the U. S. Government's continual interference with exile raids on Cuba.

"Virtually all doors to the United States have been slammed shut on Cuban exiles who want to do something," he said.

"We cannot just sit here. We have to go someplace else—a place from which we can fight Castro communism."

The exile leader declined to say where the organization would set up its new headquarters, but added the group had received "encouragement" from several Latin American nations.

Sr. Artime complained that exile raiders here had to overcome resistance by "the CIA, FBI, Border Patrol and Coast Guard before attempting to fight Castro's troops."

Sr. Artime said the group lacked the necessary strength to launch an immediate invasion of Cuba. He said the group's immediate goal was to support underground guerrillas already fighting in Cuba.

The exile leader emphasized the organization was not interested in staging mere nuisance raids on the Castro regime.

"What we want to do is inflict crippling blows on Castro's industrial and economic machinery," he said.

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